schools that existed as on 30.9.1986. The State Governments were also requested to provide at least two teachers in all primary schools opened after that date.

Posts of B.El.Ed. Teachers in DU Colleges

2209. SHRI C. APOK JAMIR:
VEN'BLE DHAMMAVIRIYO:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the number of posts of Lecturers sanctioned by the UGC for the Bachelor of Elementary Education (B.El.Ed.) programme going on for the last six years in five colleges of Delhi University?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): According to the information furnished by the University Grants Commission out of the five colleges of University of Delhi running the Bachelor of Elementary Education course only one college is being provided financial assistance for five posts of lecturer as per UGC norms of teacher/ pupil ratio; three colleges are running this course on self-financing basis; and in respect of the remaining one neither the course has been approved by the UGC nor any financial assistance is being provided for running this course.

Government-UNICEF tie-up for upgrading educational standards in Delhi

2210. SHRI C. O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government and UNICEF have tied-up to improve educational standards and infrastructure in Delhi;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government have collaborated with UNICEF, SCERT and NGOs to turnaround the academic performance of 50 schools faring poorly;

(c) whether attention is also being paid to the problem of actue shortage of teachers;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) what are the expected inputs provided by the UNICEF to run such schools?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (e) As per the information received from the Government of NCT of Delhi, the Department of Education, SCERT and UNICEF have entered into an understanding to improve the academic performance in Delhi Government Schools. It has been reported that there is no acute shortage of teachers and the normal shortage is being filled up by direct recruitment as well as through promotions. The UNICEF and SCERT are providing inputs to improve the quality basically by training and motivating teachers.

Private commercial institutions affiliated to Indraprastha University

2211. SHRI C. APOK JAMIR:
VEN'BLE DHAMMAVIRIYO:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of HRD formally permitted the National Council of Teacher Education (NCTE) to grant licence to private commercial institutions operating under affiliation with Indraprastha University on a yearly basis (*i.e.* subject to renewal);

(b) the number of such institutions where the B.Ed. courses are running under licence which is renewed from year to year; and

(c) whether his Ministry has allowed filling of a certain proportion of seats in these institutions on capitation basis?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) Consequent on the National Council for Teacher Education Act, 1993 coming into force with effect from 17.8.1995, every institution offering a course or training in Teacher Education is required to seek recognition from the National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE). Eighteen B.Ed. Institutions have been granted recognition by the NCTE in the National Capital Territory of Delhi. Six of these institutions which